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that I shall see you before long - and
I want you to see the Baby - I believe that
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otherwise be - but he is getting to be such
a great big bug and so old that I think
his Papa ought to see him and know him -
he was right sick right before last and
yesterday with a very bad cold - but John
got some medicine from the Doctor for
him and we gave him a good
quack last night and to day he is nearly
well - we have all taken cold I suppose
it must be the change in the weather
it is quite cold now - we have to keep fire
most of the time -

Pa went over to Maum this evening,
as delegate to the Convention - he will be
back Thursday I expect - then we will go
with Will Saturday - so we leave no
gentlemons of the family - home - but the
big young ones - but we are not so much
pleas as we thought we should ever
Samie expected to have gone up and
was disappointed - Will is coming regularly
now - he leaves Columbus every Tuesday
evening after the five o'clock train

comes in, he is quite interested and
pleased. I don't know how long he will
keep it - as long as he likes I think will
the way he went in.

Oh! Don't you say you have some
flowers left and a yellow Scabiosa for
me. I am glad you got one for I was
anxious to have it. But I would
not give old Person his outrageous
price for flowers. he will ask you a
great deal too much I am satisfied,
for he will think you do not know
much about the price of flowers. I
would like to have a double white
Scabiosa then we will have all the
varieties. The sunset has proved in the
morning but Saturday they are looking
so well. those I bought have - are
growing nicely. I did not make the
visit ^{to} escape Mrs. Howard as I expected,
she sent in for one Thursday, but black
berry was sick and had to give to have
company the next day. and I did not
think I ought to take Susan away, for
I did not see how she could spare her,
she visits on my day so - but I thought
I ought not. I am going some time this
week I think. You ought to see

Joe and Pat - they seem to think even
so much of each other - make as much
just as I do about you - Let me tell you
a piece of news I wish when it will
interest you much however - Every Person
(Livingston) had a boy - that is all - Now
I am going to tell you something else.
It is quite different ^{of} your being away -
you have lost the opportunity of making
your possions interests much smaller -
She says if you were here she would
give you the case - Bunchy rode by with us
a day or so ago and claimed one of our
boys - said he took it six months ago - To-
day he wrote a note to Pa saying he would
come for it to-morrow - Pa wrote him that we
had advised the boy that the value of it was
not so great - but that he should ~~never~~ have
it - So Ma went down town this evening &
brought Mr. Cunningham up to dinner it was a
boy that he had at the mill - I could not help
laughing - Bunchy must be a fool - I wish
you how it will end - but you see
what you have lost - Well since it is
nearly time for the mail to close - and I
must stop - Ma and I had a great notice
to write you to telegraph to us - whenever a fight
occurs again so that we could hear the
truth - and I love you much - particularly of

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My Own Dearest

I have been trying for two or three days to write to you but was prevented once by company. Mrs. McDonald Mr. and Mrs. Cotten spent the day with us. I received your letter yesterday telling of the fight. I had heard many rumors about it, but did not feel uneasy as we heard the "Rifles" were not engaged in it, this I suppose was not true however as Johnny McRae wrote that he was among those who participated. Don't you wish You had been there. Then if you had your old place in the Rifles, you might have been, and commanded them too - and may be you will have a chance soon. I am anxiously looking for your next letter so that I can hear the truth and see the particulars - we have seen a good deal of it in several papers. Will you be afraid now for us to _____! I don't know Dearest when I shall see you for

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Oh: Dearest you say you have some flowers sent and a yellow oleander for me - I am glad you got one for I was anxious to have it - but Love I would not give old P _____ his extravagant prices for flowers - he will ask you a great deal too much I am satisfied for he will think you do not know much about the price of flowers - I would like to have a double white oleander then we will have all the varieties. Ma moved her plants in the conservatory last Saturday. They are working in well - those I brought home are growing finely. I didn't make the visit

to Mrs Howard as I expected, she sent in for me on Thursday but black Mary was sick and Ma going to have company the next day - and I did not think I ought to take Susan away for I didn't see how she could spare her - she insisted on my doing so - but I thought I ought not - I am going some time this week I think. You ought to see

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Joe and Pet - they seem to think ever so much of each other - make as much fuss as I do about you - Let me tell you a piece of news - I don't think it will interest you much however _____ (Livingston) has a boy - that is all - Now I am going to tell you something else, It is quite _____ by your being away - you have lost the opportunity of making your _____ without much trouble - Ma says if you were home she wuld give you the case - Bumly (?) rode by _____ a day or so ago and claimed one of your hogs - said he lost it six months ago - Today he wrote a note to Pa saying he would come for it tomorrow. Pa wrote him that we had raised the hog that the value of it was not so great but that he should never have it - So Ma went down town this morning & brought Mr. Cunninghams up to swear it was a hog that he had at the mill - I couldn't help laughing - Bumly (?) must be a fool - I don't know how it will end - for you see what you have lsot - Well Love it is nearly time for the mail to close and I must stop - Ma and I had a great notice to write you to telegraph us - whenever a fight occurred again so that we could hear the truth, and Love you must - perceiving if

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you should be engaged in it - I think they do not wish to fight at Pickens or they certainly would have been a grand fight when our men attacked their encampment - I will make another effort to close - Much love and many kisses from the Baby and your Nannie who loves you with her whole heart - Goodbye Dearest Love,

Your Nannie

I want to know if Mr. Smith was in the fight and Bill McTyer